

# Les Place

Life Member CCWSA 1991



Les Place was born in Gosford 1940. He went to Narara Primary School and was School Captain in 1954. He went to Gosford High School and represented the School's 1<sup>st</sup> Grade team, which won the 1956 State School Competition undefeated.

He played Reserve grade for Gosford in 1957 when the competition was run by the Brisbane Waters District Soccer Football Association. The next two years 1958,1959, he played for the The Entrance Soccer Club reserves in the local competition. One fond memory was when he was called to play 1<sup>st</sup> grade for The Entrance 1958 in the State Amateur Cup against Prague. The game was played at Jubilee Oval,

Long Jetty.

At this stage he converted over to Rugby League where he played for both Erina and Gosford Clubs between 1960-1971, including a stint with the Narrabri Club 1963,1964. From 1972-1980 he had a rest from sport to start a family.

In 1981, he started a long and successful coaching career with both male and female teams, with all age groups and at local and at Representative level. He coached at Wyoming, Gosford, Ourimbah, Wyong and Kincumber locally. He spent many years developing players the Gosford Club and at Representative level. He also helped out in the administration of the Central Coast Women's Soccer Association (CCWSA). He held positions of President 1990, 1997-2000 (4 years), Vice President 1988, 1989, 1991, 1995, 1996 (5 years), Fixtures Officer 1991-1994 (4 years).

He was honoured with Life Membership of the CCWSA 1991 and, also, Life Membership with the Gosford City Club 2009 for outstanding services to the Club.

His most treasured period was working with Sharon Dewar (Australian Representative) in a development program for young girls from 1996 to 2000. The Program was a great success and it was a huge springboard for the future of women's soccer on the Coast.

Les Place is a very dedicated worker of the game at Club and Representative level. He has been actively involved for the last 30 years. His efforts can be seen from the huge increase in numbers, particularly females, playing today.

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